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EMBASSY HERewith NOMINATES TWO IVP CANDIDATES AND OUTLINES ITS PROGRAM FOR A BICENTENNIAL VISIT BY BANGLADESH MEDIA LEADERS AS PROPOSED AND APPROVED IN EMBASSY'S CU PROGRAM PROPOSAL, SECTION D-1, FOR FY-76. EARLY CONFIRMATION OF PROGRAMING DATES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

NOMINEES ARE:

1. AMIR-UZ-ZAMAN KHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BANGLADESH TELEVISION. IN HIS EARLY FIFTIES WITH MORE THAN 30 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN RADIO AND TV. HE SERVED RADIO PAKISTAN IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES INCLUDING REGIONAL DIRECTOR. WAS TRANSFERRED TO DACCA TELEVISION IN 1967 AND LATER SENT TO RAWALPINDI AS PRINCIPAL OF THE PAKISTAN TELEVISION INSTITUTE. HE RETURNED TO BANGLADESH IN 1973 AS ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RADIO BANGLADESH AND WAS PROMOTED TO CURRENT POSITION IN 1974. HE HAS TRAVELED WIDELY AND HAS LED NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO MANY COUNTRIES. HE HAS HAD FORMAL TV TRAINING IN JAPAN AND AT THE SCOTLAND TELEVISION TNSTITUTE. KHAN'S ENGLISH IS GOOD AND HS IS ELIGIBLE FOR A VISA. HIS WIFE IS A FORMER FULBRIGHT GRANTEE.

2. NURUL ISLAM PATWARI, EDITOR OF DAILY DAINIK BANGLA. IN HIS LATE FORTIES WITH ABOUT 25 YEARS IN JOURNALISM. HOLDS B.A. FROM DACCA U. IN EAST PAKISTAN TIMES HE WORKED AS SUB-EDITOR, NEWS EDITOR, REPORTER OR EDITOR WITH SUCCESSION OF NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING UNCLASSIFIED

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ITTEFAQ AND AZAD. AFTER LIBERATION HE SERVED AS RESEARCH DIRECTOR

FOR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, THEN WAS APPOINTED EDITOR OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAINIK BANGLA IN 1973. WAS NAMED ITTEFAQ EDITOR BY BDG LAST JUNE BUT RETURNED TO DAINIK BANGLA AFTER AUGUST COUP. PATWARI VISITED WEST GERMAN AND ENGLAND IN 1974. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD AND HE IS ELIGIBLE FOR A VISA. HE IS MARRIED; HIS ELDEST SON IS STUDYING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ALTERNATE CANDIDATES FOR THE PROJECT ARE:

1. MR. MUSTAFA MONWAR, GENERAL MANAGER, BANGLADESH TELEVISION; AGE 41, TALENTED ARTIST AND SUCCESSFUL PRODUCER-DIRECTOR.

2. MR. HM. YAHYA KHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, RADIO BANGLADESH; VETERAN RADIO EMPLOYEE IN HIS LATE 40'S.

FULL IVP NOMINATION DATA WILL FOLLOW.

VISIT SHOULD COVER AT LEAST 30 DAYS, IDEALLY TAKING PLACE ABOUT JUNE 10 TO JULY 10, 1976, AT HEIGHT OF BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES.

ITINERARY SHOULD BE KEYED TO BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES AND HISTORIC SITES ASSOCIATED WITH COLONIAL TIMES, REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD AND EARLY YEARS OF REPUBLIC.

MAJOR AREAS TO BE VISITED ARE WASHINGTON-VIRGINIA, BOSTON-NEW ENGLAND, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK. TEN DAYS IN FIRST AREA SHOULD GIVE GRANTEE TIME FOR FULL VISIT TO NATION'S CAPITAL AND ALEXANDRIA, MOUNT VERNON, WILLIAMSBURG, YORKTOWN, JAMESTOWN AND POSSIBLY MONTICELLO. BOSTON VISIT SHOULD INCLUDE TOURS TO LEXINGTON AND CONCORD AND CERTAINLY TIME AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. PHILADELPHIA STOP WOULD HOPEFULLY COINCIDE WITH BICENTENNIAL OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ITSELF. A SIDE TRIP TO VALLEY FORGE MIGHT BE IN ORDER, AND TOUR COULD CLOSE IN NEW YORK AND ENVIRONS. HOWEVER, IF TIME IS AVAILABLE, A FIFTH AREA OF CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, AND A HOMEWARD STOPOVER AT EAST-WEST CENTER, HONOLULU, IS RECOMMENDED.

WHILE TOUR ACCENT SHOULD BE ON AMERICA PAST, AMERICA PRESENT SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE NEGLECTED. SPECIAL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE

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TO INCLUDE VISITS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST TO A MAJOR TV STATION, A MAJOR RADIO STATION, A MAJOR NEWSPAPER, AND EITHER TIME OR NEWSWEEK. A VISIT TO A UNIVERSITY, SUCH AS CORNELL IF TIME PERMITS, OFFERING TRAINING IN VARIOUS MEDIA WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

POST IN ITS ORIGINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL SUGGESTED A TEAM OF THREE, BUT WITH THE CUT IN ITS IVP ALLOCATION, ONLY TWO MEDIA CANDIDATES CAN BE CHOSEN. HOWEVER, IF FALLOUT GRANTS BECOME

AVAILABLE, A THIRD MEDIA LEADER CHOSEN FROM ALTERNATE CANDIDATES
WOULD BE A VALUABLE TEAM MEMBER. ADVISE.BOSTER

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